

Evangelism Class #22 Outline - Share Your Story and Quick Encounters

Don't underestimate the power of sharing your conversation story. Dry facts without subjective experience is empty.

- **John 4:29-30, 39-42**

- **John 9:24-27**

Paul shows us how in...

Acts 26:9-20

1. Share what you used to think and do about Jesus

- **Acts 26:9-11** - Sharing our pre-Christian misconceptions and wrong living helps us relate to people.

2. Share what happened to change your heart and mind

- **Acts 26:12-15** - What changed your misconceptions? What happened to bring you face to face with reality?

3. Share your new view of Jesus

- **Acts 26:15** - After the previous thing happened, how did you now view God, Jesus, and/or religion?

- You knew He was Savior. You knew He loved you. You knew you needed His grace, etc.

4. Share your new purpose and how your life changed

- **Acts 26:16-20** - Did you overcome a sin? Did you have new motivation for living? Did you have your path in life made clearer? etc.

How do we handle quick encounters with strangers?

- **Important:** Talking to strangers is difficult and not very effective. Even if you manage to say the perfect thing in such a short time, they still don't know or trust you.

- Take principles from class and condense them.

- 1) Be friendly and show interest

- 2) Give a sincere compliment

- 3) Use spiritual small talk that makes them think

- 4) If you hand them a card, acknowledge the awkwardness and ask permission

- 5) Handle rejection with kindness and respect

- They might not be rejecting God, just you and the situation.

- People are hardwired to say "no," when they get any hint of someone selling something.

- **Remember**, successful evangelism is about bringing people one step closer to obeying the gospel. Might not convert a stranger, but we can point them in the right direction and move Jesus one step away from Stranger and toward Friend/Savior.